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Subject: REGISTRATION OPEN -- Joint Webinar -- U.S. EPA and USDA Funding to Assist Schools and Child Care Facilities with Lead Testing and Remediation in Drinking Water.

Good afternoon MOU Partners on Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care facilities and EPA Regional Coordinators,

Below is the Registration information for the *Joint Webinar – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding to Assist Schools and Child Care Facilities with Lead Testing and Remediation in Drinking Water* on July 14, 2021. **Please distribute and freely share** with your audiences of interest. We strongly encourage attendance of schools, child care facilities, states, territories, tribal communities, and technical assistance providers that are planning or implementing a program to test for lead levels in drinking water.

Thank You.

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Hi there,

You are invited to a ZoomGov meeting.

When: Jul 14, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Subject: Joint Webinar – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding to Assist Schools and Child Care Facilities with Lead Testing and Remediation in Drinking Water.*

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsde-vrT4vE5_U6c0BoF-h7DyLeGttJ80

We strongly encourage attendance of schools, child care facilities, states, territories, tribal communities, and technical assistance providers that are planning or implementing a program to test for lead levels in drinking water.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Background:

There is no safe blood lead level for children. In children, lead exposure can cause adverse health effects both physical and behavioral, including impaired growth, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, and learning disabilities. Children are most susceptible to the effects of lead because their bodies are still developing; therefore, they tend to absorb more lead than adults.

Lead in drinking water most often results from corroded plumbing materials that contain lead. Collaborative work is necessary to assist schools and child care facilities to test drinking water for lead levels, and take the necessary steps to correct problems (when lead is detected).

Panelist will discuss:

- U.S. EPA 3Ts – Training, Testing and Taking Action program to reduce lead levels in drinking water in schools and child care facilities.
- U.S. EPA Grants under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act) available to Native American tribes, states, and territories.
- USDA Grants and Loans under the Community Facilities Programs available to schools, child care facilities, municipalities, and Native American Tribes

- USDA Grants and Loans under the Water and Environmental Programs available to municipalities, utilities, and Native American Tribes.
- State Case-study - *Pennsylvania's Program on Providing Voluntary Lead in Drinking Water Testing to Childcare Facilities and Schools using EPA WIIN Grant Funding*

Attend to learn:

- 1) What type of funding is available?
- 2) Who is eligible to receive funding?
- 3) What projects are eligible to receive funding?
- 4) How to access the funding?
- 5) Additional Resources